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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was unsettled, steady to weak. No trading reported. Demand limited for both prompt and deferred shipments. Offerings adequate to ample with lighter weight frozen hens held with the most confidence. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand uneven.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a light volumes of tom drums, thigh meat and tom full-cut wings, balance light. Demand was fair with most interest noted from Mexico, Russia and Asia. Most buyers remain price conscious and selective.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 17, 2003**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55.5-60	59	59.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-60	-	-	-	60.00	24	AUG	-	-
					60.50	320	SEP		
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55.5-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-	58.50	20	AUG	-	-
					58.50	160	SEP		
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	53-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 18, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	57.50	58.40	68.00
CENTRAL REGION	56.56	57.14	66.00
WESTERN REGION	59.90 **	60.00 **	66.80 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.50	57.28	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.33	56.10	60.00
WESTERN REGION	58.00 **	58.00 **	59.00

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63-65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 21-JUL-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.00	120	65.54 52
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.00	120	65.54 52
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		10	10

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JUNE	470,235*
JULY 1-12, 2003	175,455*
To date 2003	2,887,413*
To date 2002	2,760,434*

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS W/E 12-Jul-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	882	24	22.06	(A)	887 22.06
SATL	867	50	28.56	(A)	872 28.56
N CENT	2,337	26	30.60	(A)	2,342 30.60
S CENT	479	10	20.41	(A)	482 20.41
WEST	507	37	23.23	(A)	510 23.23
U.S. TOTAL	5,072(B)	29	27.08	21	5,093 27.08
TO-DATE					
2003	128,272(B)			403	128,675
TO-DATE					
2002	126,298(B)			228	126,526

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 47,000 for the year 1,689,000; last year to date 1,330,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

		<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>
		<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	2,125	2,901	47	21	5,094
AVG WT	15.85	35.33	24.28	29.70	27.08
LAST WEEK	1,639	2,256	47	2	3,944
SAME WK YR AGO	1,836	2,950	69	19	4,874
AVG WT	15.51	35.54	23.99	27.26	27.80
TO-DATE/2003	50,900	75,683	1,689	403	128,675
TO-DATE/2002	50,380	74,588	1,330	228	126,526

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 JULY 2003.

The trade sentiment on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings was mostly steady, balance of bulk parts steady to barely steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings were mixed but mostly adequate, tom full-cut wings were fully adequate and necks adequate to fully adequate. The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady for a slow to moderate demand. Demand on further processed items was better than anticipated in some instances while others indicated that it could be better. A few processors noted lower trending live bird weights in response to the warmer summer weather. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to barely steady. Demand light to fair with some retail features noted in progress. Offerings available. Domestic trading was moderate on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance slow. Some private label Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 83 cents delivered August. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums, balance slow. For export: tom 2-joint wings 21 delivered August, hen necks 16 and fresh tom drums 25 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	85.00		85.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	153.00	13
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	79.00		79.00	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.50-26.00		25.86	35
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	26.00		26.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	46
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-25.00		23.98	166
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	54.00-56.00		55.33	30
NECKS, TOM	17.00-18.00		17.82	87
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	108.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	116.00		116.00	40
THIGH MEAT	52.00		52.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	51.43	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	56.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	53.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	88.00		88.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	109.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.80	50
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.34	472
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	17.57	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.05	520
TAILS		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00		14.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	52.08	144

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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With the exception of necks, supplies of tom parts were in good shape and the market tone was at least steady. Fresh breast meat was steady and current demand kept supplies balanced. Frozen breast meat was available but buyers showed no interest. Fresh breast pieces moved at 76, fresh scapula at 48 and fresh wing meat at 36 cents delivered. Nonbasted institutional sized breast: A grade 10-18 lb 85 cents; plant grade 12-14 lb 80-85, 12-16 lb 75 and 16-18 lb 73 cents. Export trading was light. Fresh thigh meat moved at 47 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	84.00		84.00	800	84.20	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	153.00	13	153.00	13
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	79.00	320	79.00	480
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.31	138	24.74	473
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	26.00	16	26.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	24.00	32	24.00	32
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00		19.00	98	19.54	353
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	21.00	17	20.55	31
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-25.00		22.33	90	23.47	268
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	55.33	30	54.57	70
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	18	17.43	255
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	15	17.00	30
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	116.00-119.00		117.53	127	117.40	232
THIGH MEAT	53.00		53.00	40	52.14	88
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00-53.00		52.50	40	52.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	57.00		57.00	5	56.53	85
SCAPULA MEAT		T	53.00	40	53.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	88.00	160	88.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	40.00		40.00	10	40.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	112.00		112.00	6	109.39	46
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	7	16.16	87
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.00-18.00		16.29	70	17.90	200
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.50-26.00		25.70	100	24.54	900
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	17.00		17.00	104	17.44	468
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	23.05	520	23.05	520
TAILS		F	21.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50		17.50	20	14.56	124
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-52.50		51.70	200	51.89	424

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